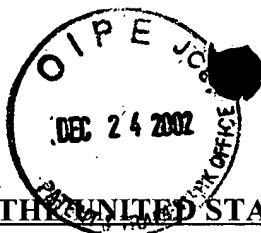


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Applicant: Robert G. Hauser et al. Examiner: Scott M. Getzow  
Serial No.: 09/884,862 Group Art Unit: 3762  
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Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated August 16, 2002. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 1-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 16, 2002 to December 16, 2002.

**REMARKS**

**Double Patenting Rejection**

In the Office Action, claims 32 - 51 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,280,462. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection.